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1. The following troop trains were unloaded at the Dallgow-Doeberitz railroad station on 19 and 20 August 1954:
At 1800 on 19 August. A train of an undetermined number of cars with 5 T-34/85 tanks, 5 SP guns, 11 motor vehicles and about 100 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets.
At 1900 on 20 August. A train of an undetermined number of cars with 10 tanks and an undetermined number of other vehicles including five trucks. Vehicle was observed. The tanks drove toward Rohrbeck. 1
2. At 1000 on 17 August, eight new rocket launchers were unloaded from eight flatcars at the Rethenow main railroad station. The rocket launchers probably were not of the old M-31 type, but of a new type which had the crew seated between the cab and the rocket mount. The weapons were unloaded by soldiers which arrived on truck
3. An examination of ruts on 22 August indicated that the column which had been observed south of Rethenow on 12 August drove southwestward toward Vieritz via Premnitz. On 25 August, 19 trucks loaded with bow sections of TMP type pontoons, and engineer equipment were parked on the new road leading toward the west southeast of Gross-Wudicke. Vehicle were observed. Later the trucks drove to a patch of woods north of the road. Eight JS tanks and about 12 trucks stood in the woods south of the road near three gun emplacements with two large tents and soldiers. Three telephone lines from the tents led across the road. At the Gross-Wudicke and Schoenhauser Damm railroad stations, the loading and unloading of troops trains was observed recently. 3
4. At 1530 on 21 August, a troop train of four boxcars with soldiers and an undetermined number of flatcars with 12 T-34/85 tanks, and about 11 trucks passed through the Nennhausen railroad station and went toward Berlin. 3
1. Comment. The troop trains probably carried tank units of the 1st Mecc Div which moved to Neustrelitz on three troop trains between 15 and 18 August 1954 for tank firing practice on the Speck-Gransin firing range. Previous reports indicate that tank units of the division were entrained at Neustrelitz on 20 and 21 August 1954.

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2. [] Comment. According to another report, eight rocket launchers were loaded at Rethenow on 17 August 1954. [] The present information which is given more credence indicates that the rocket launchers were of a new type and had probably arrived from the USSR. This rocket launcher which has a caliber probably larger than 132-mm has not definitely been observed with Soviet units in the GDR. It is believed, however, that its introduction has started.
3. [] Comment. Other observations indicate that field exercises of the 10th Gds Tank Div have been conducted in the Rethenow area since 10 August 1954. The maneuvers were held in three phases from 10 to 14 August, up to 20 and 21 August, and at least up to 25 August 1954. []

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